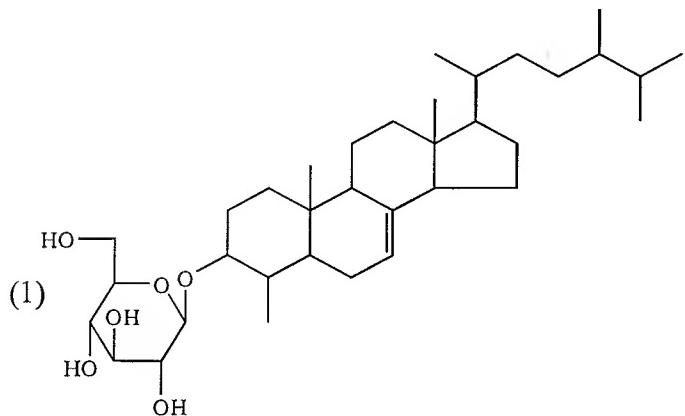


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) A purified compound having the following chemical formula (1):



2. (Original) A composition containing 0.001% by dry mass or more of the compound according to claim 1.

3. (Original) The composition according to claim 2, which is an extract of a plant of the family *Liliaceae* or a fraction thereof.

4. (Original) The composition according to claim 3, wherein the plant of the family *Liliaceae* is Aloe vera (*Aloe barbadensis Miller*).

5. (Previously presented) A hyperglycemia improving agent, which comprises the compound according to claim 1 as an active ingredient in a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

6. (Previously presented) A drug comprising the hyperglycemia improving agent according to claim 5.

7. (Previously presented) Food or drink comprising the hyperglycemia improving agent according to claim 5.

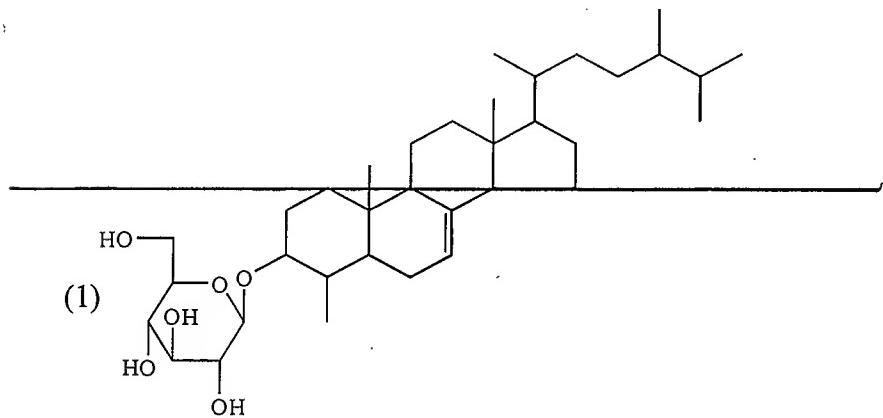
8. (Previously presented) Food or drink comprising the compound according to claim 1 as an active ingredient, having a hyperglycemia improving effect, and attached with an indication that the food or drink is used for improvement of hyperglycemia.

9. (Withdrawn) A method for producing the compound according to claim 1 or a composition containing the compound, which comprises extracting a fraction from a plant of the

family *Liliaceae*, a part thereof or a disruption product thereof which comprises the compound according to claim 1, by using an organic solvent or hot water and concentrating the fraction.

10. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 9, wherein the plant of the family *Liliaceae* is Aloe vera (*Aloe barbadensis Miller*).

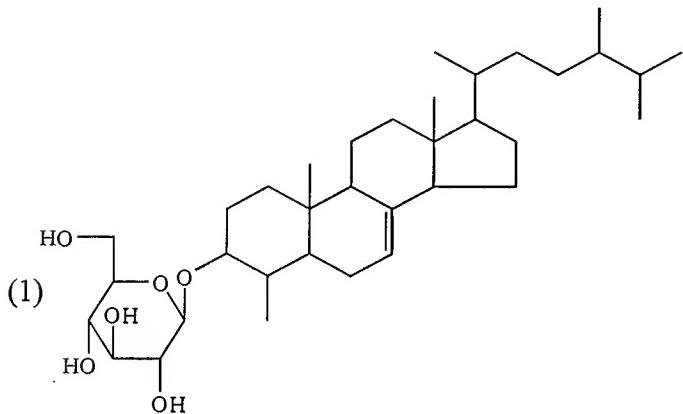
11. (Withdrawn-Currently amended) A method for the production of a drug for improving hyperglycemia which comprises mixing ~~a-the purified compound having a structure represented by the following chemical formula (1) of claim 1~~ or a composition containing the same with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.



12. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 11, wherein the composition is an extract of a plant of the family *Liliaceae* or a fraction thereof containing 0.001% by dry mass or more of the compound.

13. (Withdrawn) The method according to claim 12, wherein the plant of the family *Liliaceae* is Aloe vera (*Aloe barbadensis Miller*).

14. (Original) A method for improving hyperglycemia, which comprises administering a compound having a structure represented by the following chemical formula (1) or a composition containing the same to a subject whose hyperglycemia is to be improved.



15. (Original) The method according to claim 14, wherein the composition is an extract of a plant of the family *Liliaceae* or a fraction thereof containing 0.001% by dry mass or more of the compound.

16. (Original) The method according to claim 15, wherein the plant of the family *Liliaceae* is *Aloe vera* (*Aloe barbadensis Miller*).